

APPLICATION FOR NEIGHBORHOOD FACILITIES GRANT

BINDER NO.

BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY/LENA PARK COMMUNITY  
SERVICE CENTER

SUBMISSION DATE:

RESOLUTION OF APPLICANT

CODE NO. NF 160

WHEREAS Section 703 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1965 authorizes the making of grants of Federal funds to any local public body or agency to assist in financing the development cost of neighborhood facilities necessary for carrying out programs of community service; and

WHEREAS the Boston Redevelopment Authority (herein sometimes referred to as "Applicant") deems it to be necessary and in the public interest to provide certain facilities of the type contemplated in said Section 703 and to undertake a project (hereinafter called the "Neighborhood Facilities Project") with Federal grant assistance, described as Lena Park Community Service Center; and

WHEREAS it is recognized that the Federal contract for such financial assistance pursuant to said Section 703 will impose certain obligations and responsibilities upon the Applicant and will require among other things (1) the provision of the local share of the cost of the Neighborhood Facilities Project, (2) assurances that families or individuals displaced as a result of the development of the Neighborhood Facilities will be offered decent, safe, and sanitary housing within their means, (3) the making of relocation payments in accordance with the regulations of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, (4) compliance with Federal labor standards, and (5) compliance with Federal requirements relating to equal employment opportunity; and

WHEREAS Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and the regulations of the Department of Housing and Urban Development effectuating that Title, provide that no person shall, on the ground of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination in the undertaking and carrying out of projects receiving Federal financial assistance:

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY RESOLVES:

1. That an application on behalf of the Boston Redevelopment Authority be made to the Department of Housing and Urban Development of a grant under Section 703 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1965, in an amount equal to two-thirds three-fourths of the development cost of the Neighborhood Facilities Project, such development cost now estimated to be \$1,100,000.



2. That the Neighborhood Facilities Project (a) is necessary for carrying out a program of health, recreational, social, or similar community service in the area, (b) is consistent with comprehensive planning for the development of the community, and (c) will be available for use by a significant number of the area's low- or moderate-income residents.

3. That C. Hale Champion, Director is hereby authorized and directed to execute and file such application, to execute such contract or contracts as may be necessary for the grant applied for, to provide such information and furnish such documents as may be required by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and to act as the authorized representative of the Applicant in the accomplishment of the Neighborhood Facilities Project.

4. That the United States of America and the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development be, and they hereby are, assured of full compliance by the Applicant with the regulations of the Department of Housing and Urban Development effectuating Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

5. That the Neighborhood Facilities Project will be carried out in full compliance with applicable Federal statutes and regulations of the Secretary of Labor pertaining to the employment of laborers and mechanics on projects assisted with Federal funds.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Boston Redevelopment Authority

FROM: Hale Champion, Director

DATE: April 17, 1969

SUBJECT: APPLICATION TO HUD FOR A NEIGHBORHOOD FACILITIES GRANT,  
IN BEHALF OF LENA PARK HOUSING DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

This application for a Neighborhood Facilities Grant requests assistance from the Department of Housing and Urban Development to purchase the YMHA Hecht House at 150 American Legion Highway, Dorchester, for use as a Multi-Service Center to be called the Lena Park Community Service Center.

Only a local public body or agency may make application for a HUD Neighborhood Facilities Grant, but HUD allows such public bodies or agencies to apply in behalf of non-profit organizations.

The BRA is acting in behalf of the Lena Park Housing Development Corporation in submitting this application to HUD. The Lena Park Housing Development Corporation will bear the local share of the costs.

The staff feels that the reuse of this facility for neighborhood purposes will contribute measurably to the solution of social, recreational and health problems in this area.

I, therefore, recommend that the Authority approve this application for submission to HUD under its powers as the official planning agency for the City of Boston and that the Authority vote the attached resolution.



